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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS TO DEFENSE FOR USNMR SHAPE, USCINCEUR

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SU'3:5: GREEK WITHDRAWAL AND STATUS OF NAMFI

REF: ATHENS 758

1. INQUIRIES HERE REVEAL THAT NAMFI USERS MEETING, A REGULAR
QUARTERLY (ONE IN BRUSSELS, THREE IN CRETE ANNUALLY) -5#34-
ING UNDER GREEK REPEAT GREEK CHAIRMANSHIP WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY
3-FEBRUARY 7 IN BRUSSELS. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY 1975
IN CRETE. U.S. (REPS AT NAMFI USERS MEETING ARE MILITARY OFFICERS
ASSIGNED TO USAREUR HEIDELBERG AND NATO-HAWK LIAISON OFFICE IN
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2. WE HAVE REVIEWED AGENDA FOR NAMFI USERS MEETING AND FIND THAT IT CONTAINS 23 ITEMS ALL OF WHICH ARE TECHNICAL OR ADMINISTRATIVE IN CHARACTER. AND WE UNDERSTAND FROM THOSE EXPERT IN SUCH MATTERS THAT FEBRUARY MEETING OF USERS IS NECESSARY TO PERMIT REGULAR CONDUCT OF BUSINESS INCIDENT TO NORMAL FUNCTIONING OF NAMFI RANGE.

3. FRG MISSION TO NATO, WHICH RECEIVED FROM AMBASSADOR OCKEN IN ATHENS REPORT OF SIMILAR SUGGESTION FROM GREEK FOREIGN MINISTRY, HAS REACHED SAME CONCLUSION AS WE. FRG DCM HAS ADVISED US THAT HIS AUTHORITIES IN BONN HAVE ABOUT DECIDED THAT USERS MEETING SHOULD BE HELD AS SCHEDULED LEST NORMAL NAMFI OPERATIONS BE IMPAIRED OR EVEN DISRUPTED; BUT THAT FRG PARTICIPANTS SHOULD CONFINE SELVES TO DISCUSSION OF REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS AND SHOULD NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES RAISE POLICY QUESTIONS OR PROPOSE NEW PROJECTS.

4. SUBJECT TO FURTHER COMMENT BY EMBASSY ATHENS, WE BELIEVE THIS A WISE COURSE AND ONE CONSONANT WITH CURRENT POLICY OF NOT PRESSING ATHENS TO MAKE DECISIONS ON FUTURE OF NATO-GREEK RELATIONS. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT INSURE THAT U.S. REPS AT NAMFI USERS MEETING RECEIVE APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS THROUGH MILITARY CHANNELS. BRUCE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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